

DEVON AUTHORITIES STRATEGIC WASTE COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2017

Present:-

Councillors M King (Chairman), Busch, R Cann, Chubb, R Croad, R Gilbert, J Goody (Substitute for K Lake), J Morrish, R Sampson and D Wood

Attending In Accordance with Standing Order 25

Councillor A Brooks (Torbay Council)

Apologies:-

Councillors K Lake (Teignbridge District)

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October be signed as a correct record.

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Chairman's Announcement

The Chairman welcomed Mr N Scott to thank him for his work as Devon Community Composting Network Co-ordinator for 21 years across Devon and Torbay. The Chairman and Members thanked Mr Scott for his valued and dedicated service for Devon communities.

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Joint Contracts

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/2) on the current joint contracts and a proposal for the sale of recycled plastic and card by the Councils. The Report also outlined an update of existing contracts for paper, glass, bulk haulage and textiles, and discussions relating to a plastics and cardboard joint contract with the partner councils and current contractual commitments.

The Committee also received a presentation on the fluctuating prices for recycled paper, textiles, glass, plastics and cardboard and the financial impact for North Devon District Council.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Croad, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sampson and

RESOLVED

(a) that the overall success of the majority of joint contracts for the sale of glass, paper and textiles and bulk haulage be noted;

(b) that the proposal to not proceed with joint contracts for cardboard and plastics at this current time be supported;

(c) that other opportunities for joint procurement of products or services be explored.

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Waste Prevention and Re-use Strategy and Action Plan

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/3) and received a presentation on the draft Waste Prevention and Reuse Strategy for Devon and Torbay (which formed a supplementary document to the Waste and Resource Strategy for Devon and the Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Torbay).

The Waste Prevention and Reuse Strategy (Appendix 1 to Report HIW/17/3) provided a framework and policies which would lead to a reduction in the Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) arisings in Devon and Torbay with the following objectives:

- reduce waste volumes in the most economical way possible;
- achieve long term behavioural change amongst Devon's and Torbay's residents;
- address the environmental consequences of resource depletion and waste disposal;
- meet the relevant policies in the Waste and Resource Management Strategy for Devon and the Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Torbay.

Members and officers from the partner local authorities outlined their current policies and the trend of more consistent practices across the partner areas. Members noted that the last analysis of Devon's dustbins carried out in 2012 showed that food waste (24%) represented significantly the largest proportion of waste material, reflected in the proposed action plan, policies and priorities. Members also referred to the need for further analysis of the content of Devon dustbins, noting the cost implications of such an exercise.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor King, **SECONDED** by Councillor Croad and

RESOLVED that the draft Waste Prevention and Reuse Strategy and Action Plan be noted; and that the priorities for the Action Plan be agreed and progress monitored.

* **18** **New Waste and Recycling Advisors Contract**

The Committee noted the contract specifications, requirements and targets and the award of the contract to 'Resource Futures' which had considerable experience in the area and continuing detailed negotiations about implementation including allocation of advisors' time and services over three local authority cluster groups.

* **19** **Street Sweepings - Litter / Flytipping Campaigns and Joint Working - reference from the Devon Local Government Steering Group**

The Committee noted that the Devon Local Government Steering Group had at its meeting on 4th November 2016, considered a briefing note from Teignbridge District Council on Litter, Street Cleansing and Enforcement in Teignbridge. In discussion, Members raised and asked questions on the potential for prevention / education and co-ordinated activities including pooled budgets and / or grant funding, stronger messages regarding prosecutions and the role of the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee. Work was currently being undertaken to look at this further and a further report would be brought to the Committee in June 2017 for consideration.

* **20** **Forward Work Programme**

The Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste reported on the Work Programme and including a proposal for consideration of a residual food waste survey.

* **21** **Dates of Meetings**

28 June, 1 November 2017 and 7 February 2018

Note: The County Council calendar of meetings is available at:

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.25 pm